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INFORMATION WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED INDICATING THAT ON OCTOBER 13, 1975, INFORMATION WAS SECURED BY AN ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) INTELLIGENCE BATTALION FROM RELIABLE SOURCES WITHIN THE ARGENTINE ARMY INDICATING THAT FIVE ARGENTINE ACTIVE DUTY/^{Army} GENERALS, INCLUDING GENERALS MUJICA, GALTIERI AND DIAZ BESSONE, ALONG WITH TWO OTHER UNIDENTIFIED GENERALS, WERE PLANNING A COUP D'ETAT TO TAKE PLACE AFTER OCTOBER 15, 1975. (S) (U)

ON OCTOBER 15, 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS CONNECTED WITH THE AAIS, ADVISED THAT THE TWO UNIDENTIFIED GENERALS MENTIONED ABOVE HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE AAIS AS ACTIVE DUTY ARMY GENERALS/^{ROBERTO} VIOLA AND/^{SANTIAGO} RIVEROS. THE AAIS ALSO IDENTIFIED RETIRED ARGENTINE ARMY COLONEL JUAN CARLOS DURET AS A MEMBER OF THE GROUP OF COUP PLOTTERS. THE SOURCE ADVISED THAT (S) (U)

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ACCORDING TO INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY THE AAIS, THE PLOTTERS BELIEVE THAT THE OPPORTUNE MOMENT FOR A COUP D'ETAT WOULD BE WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE DAYS. ^(S) [SOURCE ADVISED THAT THE AAIS IDENTIFIED THE KEY MEMBERS OF THE PLOTTING GROUP AS

GENERAL VIOLA AND MUSICA.] ~~(S)~~ (U)
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ADMINISTRATIVE. ^(S) [THE SOURCE IS DR. ARTURO POIRE, ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.] ~~(S)~~ (U)
COORDINATED LOCALLY.

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→ RE MY CABLE 10/14/75 UNDER THE ABOVE CAPTION.

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THE AMBASSADOR
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10/16/75

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA

Reference my memorandum of 10/14/75.

On 10/15/75, the same Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) source as set forth in my memorandum of reference, provided the following information: (S) (U)

SIE has confirmed that there is a definite group of plotters who are talking of a coup d'etat to take place within the next five days. The SIE identified the leader of the group of plotters as General Roberto Viola, Chief of the Army General Staff. General Santiago Riveros, Commander of the Argentine Army Military Institutes, is also a member of the group of plotters. The SIE also identified retired Army Colonel Juan Carlos Duret as an active member of the above group. The SIE ascertained that the group is planning to fill key Army positions with officers presently attending the Superior War School under the direction of General Rodolfo Mujica. As of the late evening of 10/15/75, the SIE had detected no overt action to carry out a coup d'etat by the group. The SIE believes that the group of plotters have not gone beyond the talking stage with their plans to overthrow the incumbent government; however, the SIE believes that the cast of players in the group, should they decide to move, might well bring off a successful coup d'etat. (S) (U)

The foregoing information should not be discussed with any foreign officials, including those of the Argentine Government. (S) (U)

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